

## Capitalization . . .

### 682.1

#### First Words

Capitalize the first word of every sentence and the first word in a direct quotation.

In many families, **pets** are treated like people, according to an article in the *Kansas City Star*. (sentence)

Marty Becker, coauthor of *Chicken Soup for the Pet Lover's Soul*, reports, "Seven out of ten people let their pets sleep on the bed." (direct quotation)

"I get my 15 minutes of fame," he says, "every time I come home." (Notice that *every* is not capitalized because it does not begin a new sentence.)

"It's like being treated like a rock star," says Becker. "Now I have to tell you that feels pretty good."

Do not capitalize the first word in an indirect quotation.

Becker says that in the last 10 years, pets have moved out of kennels and basements and into living rooms and bedrooms. (indirect quotation)

### 682.2

#### Titles

Capitalize the first word of a title, the last word, and every word in between except articles (*a*, *an*, *the*), short prepositions, and coordinating conjunctions. Follow this rule for titles of books, newspapers, magazines, poems, plays, songs, articles, movies, works of art, pictures, stories, and essays. (See 660.3.)

**Locked in Time** (book)

**Boston Globe** (newspaper)

**Dog Fancy** (magazine)

"**Roses Are Red**" (poem)

**The Phantom of the Opera** (play)

**Daddy Day Care** (movie)

"**Intuition**" (song)

**Mona Lisa** (work of art)



## Practice

### Capitalization 4

■ First Words

■ Titles



For each of the following sentences, correctly write any word that is incorrectly capitalized.

**Example:** Kai bought four tickets to the play *the Phantom Of the Opera*.

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1. He said, "as long as I can get the tickets I want, I really don't mind waiting in line."
2. The *New York times* had a fantastic review of the play in an article called "Phantom appears; Here to stay."
3. Shar read the poem "the Road not Taken" by Robert Frost.
4. "That poem," said Shar, "Really makes me think."
5. it is one of his best-known poems.
6. Danté enjoys the electronic magazine *EEK!: Environmental education for Kids*.
7. "I learned about the careers of park rangers," he said, "And wildlife biologists."
8. after we saw the movie *The Cat In The Hat*, Bruce got a hat just like the cat's.
9. He said that It made him look cool.

*Next Step:* Write a sentence for each of the following: a name of a book, a song, and a movie. Make sure you capitalize correctly. Share your sentences with a partner.